

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1345

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## AN ACT

To amend title 5, United States Code, to eliminate the discriminatory treatment of the District of Columbia under the provisions of law commonly referred to as the “Hatch Act”.

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “District of Columbia  
3 Hatch Act Reform Act of 2009”.

4 **SEC. 2. EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO BE**  
5 **SUBJECT TO THE SAME RESTRICTIONS ON**  
6 **POLITICAL ACTIVITY AS APPLY TO STATE**  
7 **AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES.**

8 (a) **APPLICABILITY OF PROVISIONS RELATING TO**  
9 **STATE AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES.**—Section 1501(1) of title  
10 5, United States Code, is amended by striking “a State  
11 or territory” and inserting “a State, the District of Co-  
12 lumbia, or a territory”.

13 (b) **PROVISIONS RELATING TO FEDERAL EMPLOYEES**  
14 **MADE INAPPLICABLE.**—Section 7322(1) of such title is  
15 amended—

16 (1) by inserting “or” at the end of subpara-  
17 graph (A);

18 (2) by striking “or” at the end of subparagraph  
19 (B);

20 (3) by striking subparagraph (C); and

21 (4) by striking “services;” and inserting “serv-  
22 ices or an individual employed or holding office in  
23 the government of the District of Columbia;”.

24 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

25 The amendments made by this Act—

1           (1) shall take effect on the effective date of a  
2 law, enacted by the government of the District of  
3 Columbia after the date of the enactment of this  
4 Act, which places restrictions on political activities of  
5 employees of the government of the District of Co-  
6 lumbia; and

7           (2) shall apply with respect to actions occurring  
8 on or after the effective date referred to in para-  
9 graph (1).

Passed the House of Representatives September 8,  
2009.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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